



CITY OF LOMA LINDA, CA

PROCLAMATION "WEAR RED DAY FOR WOMEN DAY" FEBRUARY 4, 2005

WHEREAS, diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death, and stroke is the third leading cause of death; and

WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases (CVD) are the leading cause of death among women, contributing to the deaths of more than 500,000 American women every year; and

WHEREAS, while one in five females in the United States have some form of CVD, most women do not realize cardiovascular disease as their greatest health threat, nor does the public recognize the fact that each year CVD claims more lives than the next seven causes of death combined; and

WHEREAS, 63 percent of women who died suddenly of CVD had no previous symptoms of this disease; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association is the largest voluntary, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke and is committed to the support of ongoing medical research to advance knowledge in the areas of prevention and treatment of heart disease and stroke; and

WHEREAS, February is designated as American Heart Month, the American Heart Association has launched a new campaign called "Go Red for Women" to help raise awareness of heart disease in women and to encourage women to pay attention to their hearts and help them live longer, stronger lives by reducing their risk for CVD;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Gaio Hansberger, Mayor of the City of Loma Linda, do on behalf of the entire City Council, join the American Heart Association public awareness campaign by proclaiming February 4, 2005

GO RED FOR WOMEN DAY

in Loma Linda and by so doing, urge all citizens to be attentive to the vital issue of women's heart health by wearing and displaying the color red and supporting the various Go Red for Women events planned during American Heart Month.

SIGNED this 25th day of January 2005.

Karen Gaio Hansberger, Mayor